MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Rs. 15,000.

In regard to the second item, towards the end of the last year (1112) administrative sanction to the extent of Rs. 4,070 was accorded for constructing a new building for the Kumarakam Nelpura Cutcherry. As the work was urgent, funds were sanctioned and the expenditure authorised under Section 32 of the legislative Reforms Regulation. There was some unavoidable delay in the transfer of the site to the P. W. D. and so it was not possible to complete the work during the last year and that only a sum of Rs. 407 was spent on the work and the balance lapsed.

As there is no allotment for the work in the current year's budget and as no diversion is possible a sum of Rs. 3,500 is necessary for the purpose of the work in the current year.

As regards the restoration of the Alleppey-Aroor road, I submit that the road became very bad towards the latter part of the last year and as a consequence complaints were received frequently from the Travancore Chamber of Commerce and bus owners urging the P. W. D. to improve the road. It is very necessary to keep this road in good condition. Accordingly, special funds were sanctioned by Government under Section 32 of Regulation II of 1108 as the matter could not brook any delay. It so happened that the sanction for special funds was received too late in the year and therefore it was not possible to utilise the funds fully last year and to complete the whole work. Therefore, some of those funds lapsed. There is already a provision of Rs. 5,000 in the current year's budget for urgent works on certain portions of the road.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: Is the whole road to be repaired?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: The restoration of the whole length of the road is very essential and the road should be kept in good order. There is heavy traffice on it. I appeal to the House to sanction the demand.

The Demand was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

MEDICAL.

MR. JAMES SIMPSON: Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 4,827 for two items.

(i) Entertainment of a Specialist in Tubercular diseases Rs. 900

(ii) Opening of an out-patient dispensary on the eastern side of the Alleppey town Rs. 3,927.

In regard to the first point, in 1935 one senior acting Assistant Surgeon of the department offered his service to proceed to Europe to undergo training in the treatment of tuberculosis at his own expense. Government at that time gave him a promise of appointing him in the Medical Department as per G. O. of 6th January 1936. Accordingly, he started for Europe to get himself trained at the Vejleford Sanatorium in Denmark and at Cardiff in Wales, and Bramphan Hospital, London

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supplementing his studies in that direction by visits to some of the clinics in England and the Continent. Now, that officer has returned after specialising himself in the treatment of tuberculosis. It is proposed to appoint him as an Assistant Surgeon to work in the General Hospital, to establish an out-patient clinic till the tuberculosis hospital is ready.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know, what will be his salary?

MR JAMES SIMPSON: Rs. 150 per mensem.

In regard to the 2nd point, the citizens of Alleppey petitioned Government requesting that the scope and usefulness of the present District Hospital might be enlarged by placing it in the thickly populated centre & eastern side of the town. It is therefore proposed to construct additional wards in the present hospital to convert it into a more useful institution. It is also proposed to open an out-patient dispensary on the eastern side of the town. For this latter purpose an additional allotment of Rs. 3,927 in the budget ef the Medical Department for 1113 is necessary for payment to one female sub-assistant surgeon, one feamle warder, one male warder and for a sweeper and scavanger, etc.,

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know how many officers in Travancore have training in tuberculosis?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON: There is only one who has acquired the necessary training in tuberculosis.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: I move to

"Omit the allotment of Rs. 900 under (i) entertaiment of a specialist in tubercular diseases".

Sir, there are many hospitals in this State and there is not a single expert to attend to tubercular diseases in those hospitals. It is more than two years since the Government of India has sent an organising Secretary to advise the Travancore Government on matters relating to tubercular diseases. Recently they also sent another Secretary to advise the Government in this matter. Three years ago the Government found the necessity to have a tuberculosis sanatorium in some part of the State especially in South Travancore, rather than having it either in Central Travancore or North Travancore. In the monsoon ridden State such as this, it is an admitted fact that the tuberculosis hospital should be located in a dry place. Accordingly, Government acquired a site in Assaripallom (அசாரிபள்ளம்), a village two miles due west of Nagercoil. There is no tuberculosis hospital yet constructed. There is not even a budget grant for that purpose. Now Dr. Simpson has come forward saying that here is an expert in tubercular diseases and that he is to be appointed as an Assistant Surgeon to work in the General Hospital. When there are no sufficient facilities for the work in the General Hospital I for myself cannot see the necessity for a grant in respect of tubercular diseases. If at all he could do any work it can only be some honorary work. Under the circumstances it is highly unnecessary to detail that man for doing work in tubercular diseases.

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MR. JAMES SIMPSON: The honourable member said that there is no budget provision for a tuberculosis hospital. I want to clear up that matter. I am very glad to be able to tell the member that the money which will be needed for the erection of a hospital is found from the King George Jubilee Fund. A part of that money to the extent of Rs. 50 thousand will be utilised for the institution of a tuberculosis hospital. The acquisition of necessary land is complete and the necessary plans and estimates have been made out. The work will be started as soon as practicable.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: How can work be started when there is no money?

PRESIDENT: The honourable member probably did not hear what Mr. Simpson said on the point. The Surgeon General pointed out the funds in the hands of the Travancore Government for establishing a tuberculosis sanatorium.

MR. JAMES SIMPSON: We are bound to tackle that disease. When one trained hand is a vaiable, we will utilise the services of that specialist in the General hospital in the first instance. When more qualified hands become available, they can be distributed throughout the State. So, I merely put it to the House to employ the person who has got the necessary training firstly in the General hospital.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: I beg to press the amendment.

The Demand was then put to vote and carried, one dissenting.

The grant was made.

SCIENTIFIC AND MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTS.

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: Sir, I move that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 1,100 for hiring a building to provide sufficient accommodation to the Department for the Publication of Oriental Manuscripts. The Curator for the publication of Oriental Manuscripts was holding his office in a small, rented building till about Mithunam last year. About that time the Government sanctioned some additional staff for the preparation of a special descriptive catalogue of various manuscripts with a view to make them available to the delegates of the forthcoming Oriental Conference. With the entertainment of this additional staff the necessity for a bigger building for the office of the Curator was felt and the Government hired a building on a rent of Rs. 80 per mensem from the beginning of Mithunam 1112. Originally the idea was to use the ground floor of this building for the office of the Curator and the first floor for the office of the Economic Development Board. The Economic Development Board office has since been housed in another building. The first floor of this building has therefore been let to Dr. Cousins from whom the Government are recovering half the rent for the building. The money recovered from Dr. Cousins is credited as revenue and the whole rent has to be paid from the budget allotment which is not sufficient for that purpose. Besides payment of the rent some purchases, such as furniture

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